



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hidenori SUNADA, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

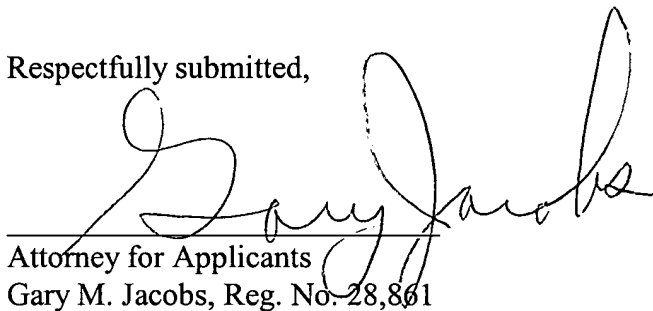
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed. These documents were recently cited in the attached International Search Report, issued in the corresponding PCT application, mailed on March 29, 2004. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2002-149039, the Abstract of which is listed in the Search Report, is not being submitted because it was previously submitted with the October 22, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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